

Amendments To The Specification:

Please Amend the Specification on Page 11, lines 1-10 as follows:

On the short grapplers 11, 12 of the gripping levers 9, 10, T-shaped grappler extensions 11', 12' are detachably fixed on their middle legs ~~[[11']]~~ 11'', 12'' by means of screws 13', 13'', and 14', 14''. On their transversal legs 11''', 12''', they have each a needle 15', 15'', 16', 16'' on both ends, projecting on the sides facing each other. These needles are each concentrically surrounded by a protecting sleeve 17', 17'', 18', 18'', each of which is supported via a helical spring 19', 19'', 20', 20'' on the transversal leg 11''', 12'''. The protective sleeves 17', 17'', 18', 18'' project up to the level of the points of the needles 15', 15'', 16', 16'' when they are not loaded, and are displaceable against spring action towards the transversal leg 11''', 12''' on the other hand.

Please Amend the Specification on Page 12, lines 1-3 as follows:

Further, the spigot 35 has a middle cylinder part ~~[[35']]~~ 35'' with a larger diameter than the cylinder part 35', and a base part 35''' expanding itself conically downward.

Please Amend the Specification on Page 14, lines 22-29 as follows:

In the cylindrical accommodation 70 of the sleeve-shaped section ~~[[68]]~~ 69, an eccentric ring 75 is guided, which has a flange 76 atop. On the flange 76, a servo motor 78 is screwed fast with a corresponding mating flange 77. On the shaft of the servo motor 78, a further coupling appliance 79 is fixed, the free end of which is provided with a blade 80.

The blade 80 is disposed somewhat above the bayonet-type locking ring 71. This is provided on its inner perimeter with claws 81', ~~[[82']]~~ 81'' diametrically opposing each other, which have a faint slope.